THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. Certain flights are cancelled or rescheduled in winter season due to fog.

(b) A total of 1754 flights of Indian Airlines and Alliance Air Ltd. and 24 flights of Air India (domestic leg) were affected/cancelled due to bad weather during the last three years.

(c) while profit/loss figures of the airlines are not maintained by the Government. Indian Airlines (including Alliance Air) have indicated an estimated loss of Rs.14 crores during the last three years due to cancellation of flights and jet airways have indicated an estimated loss of Rs. 25 crores during the last three years on this account.

Collection of Income Tax

*235. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an expenditure of Rs. 2.37 has to be incurred to collect Income Tax of Re.1/- by Government.

(b) if so, what is the justification for spending more money to collect less income tax; and

(c) the quantum of income tax collected during 2003-04 and 2004-05 and how much money was spent on collection of income tax?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No Sir. As per the figures for financial year 2004-05, only 0.86 paise was incurred by the Government to collect one rupee of income tax (all direct taxes).

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

(c) The amount of income tax collected (all direct taxes) and the expenditure incurred during the period under reference are as under:—

Financial Year	Amount Collected	Expenditure on collection
2004-05	1,32,771 crore	1,138 crore
2003-04	1,05,088 crore	1,050 crore

Management of facilities at airports

*236. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the steps proposed to bring about immediate improvement in passenger-amenities at Delhi, Mumbai and Hyderabad airports;